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SUBJECT : Recent MAC(V)/[REDACTED] Discussions Concerning the Transfer
of Certain Programs

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Summarized below are the discussions between MAC(V) and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] regarding the possible transfer of [REDACTED] paramilitary and
other programs to MAC(V) [REDACTED]

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a. Border Surveillance

MAC(V) has agreed to assume responsibility for in-country border
surveillance assets and programs to be effective on 26 October. As a result
all in-country border surveillance assets would be transferred and absorbed
into CIDG formations by 1 November.

U.S. Special Forces detachments at Khe Sanh, Kham Duc, Dak
Pek and Dac To would revert to MAC(V) operational control on 1 November.

b. Mountain Scouts

The entire mountain scout program will be taken over by MAC(V)
effective 31 October. All mountain scout units would be directed to report
to the nearest CIDG formation in their localities.

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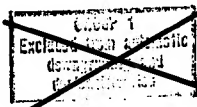
c. Combat Intelligence (CI) Teams

A planning paper prepared by MAC(V) dated 23 August was
discussed between MAC(V) [REDACTED] As of 31 October discussions concerning
the transfer of CI teams were still underway. In the joint Embassy/MAC(V)/[REDACTED]
message (Saigon 2441) sent to you today, it was stated that MAC(V) has the
capability to absorb the CI teams (650 individuals operating in teams of
approximately 18 men each) as a part of the CIDG strike forces and it was felt
that this action would enhance U.S. management and control of these assets.

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e. Funding

Discussions have been held with [REDACTED] concerning the funding, during FY 1964, of the border surveillance program and the mountain scout program after transfer to MAC(V). It has been agreed that [REDACTED] should be earmarked for the border surveillance program and [REDACTED] should be earmarked for the mountain scout program, and that these funds would be added to Operation Switchback funds for use by MAC(V) during FY 1964. No agreement has yet been reached for the funding of the above programs or the funding for the combat intelligence teams for FY 1965. This presumably will be discussed at the 20 November Honolulu conference.

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For your information, it is estimated that as of 31 October [REDACTED] had spent [REDACTED] for the border surveillance program and [REDACTED] for the mountain scouts. Thus, these latter amounts would be subtracted from the larger figures listed above which represent total figures for FY 1964.

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